

Rubbertown Community Advisory Council
September 2016

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2016
Place: **Cane Run Elementary School**
3951 Cane Run Road, Louisville
Time: Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.
Meeting at 6:00 p.m.



AGENDA

- 6:00 – 6:10 Welcome/Introductions/Approve Minutes
Phil Ball, President
- 6:10 – 6:15 Open Mic – Community Related
- 6:15 – 6:20 Open Mic – Plant Related
- 6:20 – 6:45 **Pipeline Emergency Preparedness**
Jon Wisebaker & Will Gibson
Marathon Pipe Line LLC
- 6:45 – 6:50 New Member Consideration
Membership Committee
- 6:50 – 7:00 Facilitator Updates – Cheryl Fisher
* RCAC 25th Anniversary Recap
* Charlie Hunton Award
* Holiday Celebration
- 7:00 – 7:05 Announcements/Adjourn
Phil Ball, President
- 7:05 – 7:20 Post-Meeting Gallery Walk
Historical photos displayed at 20 year celebration

September 2016 25th Anniversary Celebration summary attached
Please direct questions or comments to rcac_facilitator@outlook.com

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 10, 2016
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25 Year Celebration – Rubbertown Community Advisory Council

Date: Friday, September 9, 2016 **Scheduled Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Place: Hilton Garden Inn, 2735 Crittenden Dr., Louisville, KY 40209

Recorded attendance reflects those members and guests who signed into the event. No roll call was taken.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Community Members</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Present</u></p> <p>Phillip Ball Gerald Gammons Martha Gammons Paul Graf Earl Hartlage Beverly Jones Brenda Kelting Barbara Paulin Ebony Pryor Gordon Welker Jerry Woolridge</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Community Members</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Absent</u></p> <p>Freddie George Matt Rhodes Richard Springston Diane Vogel Joe Wagner Ed White Jean Zappa</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Guests</u></p> <p>Greg Fischer, Mayor of Louisville Tom & Amy Herman Tom Owen, Lou Metro Dist. 8 Charlie & Sharon Hunton John Gant, Louisville Econ. Dev. Darleen & John Horton Rich Robinson Mary Woolridge, Lou Metro Dist. 3 Carl Hilton Kenneth Madison Keith H. Talley, APCD Dan Hicks Laura Coiraton Amanda McKinney Norah Kute Donna Dixon Hank Kelting Ricky Paulin</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Facilitation and Minutes</u></p> <p>Cheryl Fisher, Facilitator</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Companies</u></p> <p>ASRC Arkema Carbide Industries Chemours Dow Chemical DuPont Hexion Lubrizol MSD Zeon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Company Reps</u></p> <p>Kathy Cameron ----- Corinne Greenberg Richard Jarowski Jana Zigrye Greg Easterling Jeff Hamilton Susan Clark ----- Lori Carson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Key Managers</u></p> <p>Guillaume Coiraton Todd Steverson ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- Alex Novak Jeff Anderson</p>

Program Agenda

Pre-Show Gallery Walk

Welcome

Tom Herman, Emcee

Greeting

The Honorable Greg Fischer, Mayor of Louisville

Invocation

Mary Woolridge, Louisville Metro District 3

~ Buffet Dinner ~

History of RCAC

Charlie Hunton

Keynote Address

History of Rubbertown and the Near Southwest

Tom Owen, Louisville Metro District 8

Parting Comments

Guillaume Coiraton, ASRC Plant Manager

Phil Ball, RCAC President

Closing

Pre-Show Gallery Walk

Guests were greeted in the lobby by a “through the decades” photo display. Thank you to Lori Carson, Zeon Chemicals, for leading the effort with this wonderful exhibit.

Welcome, Greeting, and Invocation

Tom Herman, founding member of RCAC and recent retiree from Zeon Chemicals, returned to the RCAC for the evening to emcee the celebration. After welcoming everyone to the event, he introduced the mayor.

Greg Fischer, Mayor of Louisville, first recognized Metro government and elected officials in attendance: Keith Talley, Air Pollution Control District; John Gant, Louisville Metro Economic Development; Mary Woolridge, Louisville Metro District 3 Councilwoman, and Tom Owen, Louisville Metro District 8 Councilman. The Mayor spoke briefly on the importance of sustainability and how operating safely is essential to a successful business. He mentioned that Rubbertown has been a great source of employment in the community for a long period of time. He further spoke about improvements in environmental performance over the years. He credited partnerships in the community, such as RCAC. The Mayor then invited RCAC President Phil Ball to the podium to present a plaque with a proclamation saluting the RCAC on its 25th anniversary.

Councilwoman Mary Woolridge, Louisville Metro District 3, followed by giving the invocation and inviting everyone to enjoy the buffet dinner.

Proclamation given by Mayor Fischer:
(Plaque will be on display at the October meeting)

**LOUISVILLE METRO
GREG FISCHER
MAYOR**

**TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:
KNOW YE THAT
THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE HONORS**

**THE RUBBERTOWN COMMUNITY
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING. SINCE 1991, THE RCAC HAS FOSTERED COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN THE AREA. THE RCAC'S ENDEAVOR TO BE A FORUM FOR RUBBERTOWN IS AN EXAMPLE TO OUR CITY OF DIALOGUE AND TRUST-BUILDING.

OUR CITY SALUTES THE RCAC ON ITS 25 YEARS OF ENDEAVORING TO BUILD MUTUAL TRUST AND SOLUTIONS TO CITIZENS' AND COMPANIES' CONCERNS.

**DONE IN LOUISVILLE, COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY THIS IS THE NINTH
DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2016.**

SIGNED GREG FISCHER, MAYOR

History of RCAC

Charlie Hunton, former RCAC facilitator and Rohm & Haas retiree, congratulated the group on 25 years. In 1991, Charlie Hunton was already the facilitator for the Rohm & Haas community advisory panel when he was asked to help with a new panel being formed that would include eleven plants in the Rubbertown area. Charlie gave a brief history of the group and described how company and community representatives worked together to form a vision and mission for the RCAC.

History of Rubbertown and the Near Southwest

Tom Owen, Louisville Metro District 8 Councilman and University of Louisville professor, spoke on the history of the Rubbertown area and the near Southwest. He explained how the Rubbertown complex came to be located in the current area. He described the how the flow of water from the high lands to the low lands at upper and lower Paddy's Run and Mill Creek determined the locations of the outfalls to the Ohio River. A major wastewater outfall, the Southwestern outfall was completed in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

The Ohio River was located in the area, facilitating easy transfers of coal from western Kentucky coal fields. The well water aquifers located in the area provided a source of cool water for the plants. Also, distilleries located in Shively provided grain alcohol, which was used as an ingredient in making synthetic rubber.

Starting in 1918, the K&I railroad, consisting of the old Illinois Central and Southern Railroad, ran a line to the Old Standard Oil refinery located on Southwestern Parkway. Two other refineries were added in that area in the 1920s. Later, in the early 1920s, the largest railroad tie company in the US at that time, Bond Brothers, was located on Bells Lane, between Bells Lane and Campground Road. In 1925, Ford Motor Company located their third manufacturing facility near the old state fairgrounds. In 1930, Reynolds built a powder and aluminum plant. By the time World War II began, heavy manufacturing was already taking hold in the area. In support of the WWII effort, seven major petrochemical plants were built from 1941-1944 on former farmlands in the area, forming what would be known as the Rubbertown industrial complex.

Among other interesting facts, Tom Owen described how the racial demographics in west Louisville underwent a major change starting in the 1950s, which was after the formation of the Rubbertown area. He went on to describe how some of the streets in the area got their names. He also spoke about the history of the former Lake Dreamland resort area, owned by the Hartlage family, and the former Riverside Gardens resort at the end of Lees Lane.

Parting Comments

Guillaume Coiraton, ASRC Plant Manager, and Phil Ball, RCAC President, thanked everyone for attending the celebration. They introduced current members of RCAC and thanked everyone for their support of the RCAC through the years.